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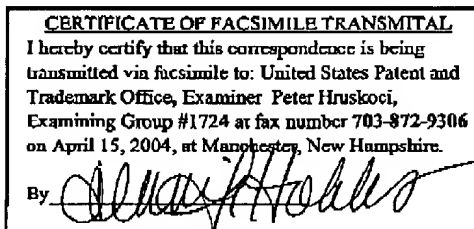
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In re Appln of: YOON, Roe-Hoan Atty. Docket No.: MCT-004
Title: METHOD OF ENHANCING FINE PARTICLE DEWATERING
Serial No.: 09/327,266 Art Unit: 1724
Filed: June 7, 1999 Examiner: Hruskoci, Peter A

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Sir:

AMENDMENT E

This is in response the Official Action in this case mailed February 17, 2004. Since this response is being filed within the shortened statutory period set for reply, Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.